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IN RE APPLICATION OF: Mirosław Z. BOBER

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COMPUTER-READABLE STORAGE FOR REPRESENTING AND
SEARCHING FOR AN OBJECT IN AN IMAGE

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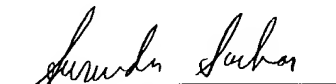
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Sir:

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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SIR:

Prior to a first examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified
application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

--4. (Amended) A method as claimed in claim 1 wherein an additional parameter
corresponds to the eccentricity of the outline.

A1 5. (Amended) A method as claimed in claim 1 wherein an additional parameter
corresponds to the circularity of the outline.

6. (Amended) A method as claimed in claim 1 wherein at least one additional
parameter uses a region-based representation.

A2 8. (Amended) A method as claimed in claim 6 wherein an additional parameter is
based on Fourier descriptors.